WINTER EDITION 2019

LAKESHORE LIGHT

Lakeshore Marching Band at Ford Field

Join us in engaging the minds, spirits and talents of our students and teachers. Our current big project is focused on updating the Lakeshore Community Auditorium, and we are counting on your support.

Read the LEF insert in this newsletter for more information.

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Message from the Superintendent

Superintendent
Phil Freeman

WINTER is on its Way! Snow Days and Two-Hour Delays

As we move into the winter season, thoughts shift away from sunscreen and bug spray to hats, mittens and boots. The first flurry opens conversations about snow days, school closing, and possible delays. I get to be a hero or a goat (and I don't mean Greatest Of All Time) on blustery and cold mornings. Weather delays and closings are not easy decisions, and I often wish Mother Nature would help me out like she did on my first snow day here in Lakeshore in 2013. On just my third day on the job, the area was hit with 15 inches of snow in less than 12 hours! Easy call!

When extreme weather conditions exist, the Superintendent and Director of Maintenance and Operations (including input from the local police departments and Road Commission) work together in collaboration with area superintendents, local police departments, and the County Road Commission, to make the decision to close the District and/or cancel activities. In determining weather related closures, many variables are considered.

These include:

- The amount of snow (and future predicted snowfall)
- Whether snow has been cleared from bus routes
- The condition of the roads (ice, drifting)
- Clarity of pathways for walkers and bus stops
- Temperature (-20 degrees with wind chill – per National Weather Service)

According to the National Weather Service, who did extensive testing in developing a wind chill chart, students

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We are grateful for the financial support of the **LAKESHORE EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION** and for the efforts of the LEF all-volunteer board.

The mission of Lakeshore Public Schools, in partnership with families and the community, is to guide students toward achieving educational excellence by engaging, inspiring and empowering them to think, learn and pursue their individual passions with knowledge, confidence, and integrity – the foundation of their future.

2019-2020 Lakeshore Board of Education Regular Meetings

Regular Board meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 5:30 P.M. in the Middle School Media Center.

December 9, 2019
January 13, 2020
February 10, 2020
March 9, 2020
April 20, 2020 **
May 11, 2020
June 8, 2020

**The April meeting will be held on the third Monday due to Spring Recess.

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED ...

begin to be at risk when exposed to sustained wind chills of -20 degrees and below for 30 minutes. Of course, exposure issues increase when students do not dress properly for the weather including wearing coats, hats, and gloves when temperatures drop below zero. Often times, as parents and students monitor weather reports and school closings, they hear announcements of Two-Hour Delays in many districts.

Lakeshore Public Schools has not used this contingency during my time here, but as more districts utilize this option on days where conditions are expected to improve quickly, we have developed a two-hour delay policy to help us avoid closures. Based on my experience here and in other districts, I do not expect that this is an option that will be employed very often.

When the weather requires the district administration to delay the start of school by two hours because of fog, snow, ice, or other conditions, it is important that parents, students, and staff understand what a "two-hour delay" means. School start times will be moved back two hours as noted below. Buses will pick students up at their regular bus stop two hours after their normal, scheduled time.

NOTE: On Late Start Wednesdays, buses will run on a two-hour delay based on a normal (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) schedule.

For example, if a child normally catches the bus at 6:45 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, pick-up will be at 8:45 a.m. on days when a two-hour delay is called. Likewise, school will start two hours after the normal start time.

Two-Hour Delay Start Times

High School Start Time on Two-Hour Delay – 9:35 a.m.
Middle School Start Time on Two-Hour Delay – 9:40 a.m.
Elementary Start Time on Two-Hour Delay – 10:25 a.m.

If the start of school is delayed, breakfast will not be served, but lunch will be available as usual. Dismissal time will remain the same.

Safety remains the primary focus when the determination is made to close school or delay the start of the school day by two hours. Announcements for school closings or two-hour delays will be broadcast via School Messenger, the District's website, and local media. It is generally district policy that once the school day has begun students will not be released early. However, the secondary bus run may begin early to allow ample time for the buses to return to the district to begin the elementary bus run on time.

As always, we are hoping for the best but preparing for whatever Mother Nature throws at us.

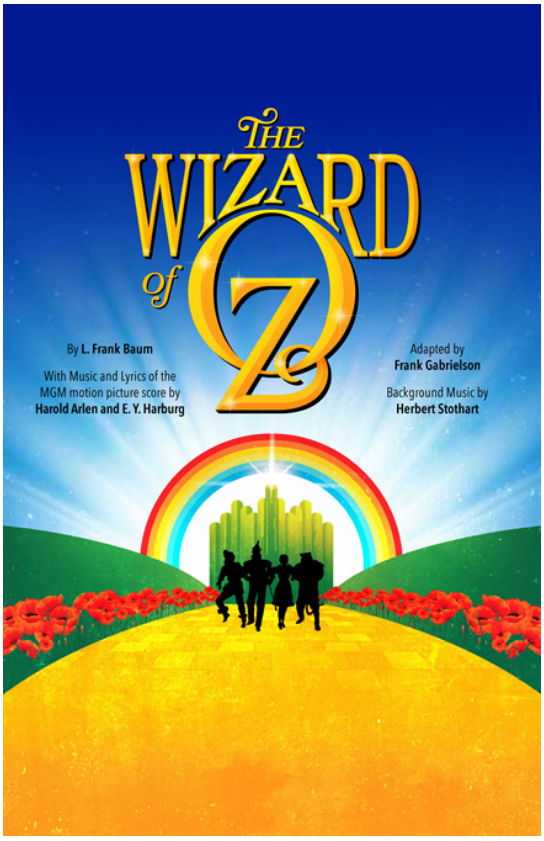
Griffin Ott
Board Trustee

Welcome New Board Member

Griffin is a Lakeshore graduate, business owner, and parent of a Lakeshore 7th grader and a preschooler. He has considerable knowledge and experience in serving our community by previously volunteering for the *Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce, Baroda Area Business Association, Lincoln Township Fire Department and Baroda Fire Department*. Please join us in welcoming Griffin Ott as our new Board Member Trustee.

Board of Education Trustee Griffin Ott, was appointed to the Board vacancy on October 1. He will finish out the term, which ends on December 31, 2020.

DON'T MISS THIS!


THE WIZARD of OZ
By L. Frank Baum
With Music and Lyrics of the MGM motion picture score by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg
Adapted by Frank Gabrielson
Background Music by Herbert Stothart

Join us at the Lakeshore Community Auditorium for an amazing presentation of *The Wizard of Oz*

February 7, 8, and 9

Evening shows at 7:00 P.M.
Matinée at 2:00 P.M.

Lakeshore High School Auditorium Project

Lakeshore's Auditorium is getting some much-needed updates thanks to the help of a $660,000 grant the district received from the LEF. Some of these updates include new sound and projection systems, lighting, curtains, and renovating the lobby outside the auditorium. **READ MORE ... PAGE 4 OF LEF INSERT.**

Upcoming Events

December 12-13 - BCD Winter Dance Concert, 7:00 P.M., LHS
December 16 - Lakeshore Bands Winter Collage Concert---LHS gymnasium 7:00 P.M.
December 17 - LHS Choirs' Holiday Concert, 7 P.M. 1st Congregational Church of St. Joseph
December 18
Elementary Choir/Recorder Club concert, 7 P.M. LHS auditorium
December 23 - January 3
No School - Winter Break
January 15-16 - BCD Intermed. & Adv. Dance Auditions, LHS.
January 20 No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 23 ½ Day All Students
January 24 ½ Day All Students
Saturday, January 26 - BCD Dance Marathon, 9 A.M.-3 P.M., LHS Dance Room.
February 4 Elementary Parent Conferences
February 6 Half Day All Students - Elem Parent Conferences
February 7, 8, & 9
LHS Musical, The Wizard of Oz
February 12 Spring Count Day
February 14 ½ Day All Students
February 15 HS District Vocal Solo Ensemble, all day, SMC, Dowagiac
February 17 No School - Presidents' Day
February 20 HS Pre-Festival Choir Concert, 7 P.M., LHS
February 21 - Stewart Variety Show, 7 P.M. LHS auditorium
February 22 - Lakeshore Band Auction, LMS. Doors open at 5:00 P.M.
February 25-26
District Chorale Festival, all day, The Chapel (MS choirs perform on Tuesday, HS choirs on Wednesday)
March 6-7 - *FIRST* Robotics - St. Joseph District Competition, St. Joseph High School
March 27-28 - *FIRST* Robotics - Battle Creek District Competition, Lakeview High School
March 18 - Hollywood 5th Grade concert, 6:30 P.M. LHS auditorium
March 24 - Hollywood 3rd & 4th Grade concert, 6:30 p.m. LHS auditorium

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Varsity Boy's Basketball

11/30/2019	Scrimmage at Okemos HS	Away	10:00 AM
12/7/2019	Scrimmage vs Otsego HS	HOME	Noon
12/10/2019	South Haven	HOME	7:00 PM
12/13/2019	St. Joseph	Away	7:00 PM
12/17/2019	Battle Creek Central	HOME	7:00 PM
1/7/2020	Dowagiac	HOME	7:00 PM
1/10/2020	Portage Northern	Away	7:00 PM
1/14/2020	Loy Norrix	Away	7:00 PM
1/17/2020	Mattawan	Away	7:00 PM
1/18/2020	John Adams HS (South Bend)	Away	6:00 PM
1/21/2020	Edwardsburg	HOME	7:00 PM
1/24/2020	Niles	HOME	7:00 PM
1/28/2020	Battle Creek Lakeview	Away	7:00 PM
1/31/2020	Portage Central	Away	7:00 PM
2/4/2020	Gull Lake	HOME	7:00 PM
2/7/2020	St. Joseph	HOME	7:00 PM
2/14/2020	Portage Northern	HOME	7:00 PM
2/18/2020	Mishawaka Marian	Away	7:00 PM
2/21/2020	Mattawan	HOME	7:00 PM
2/25/2020	Kalamazoo Central	Away	7:00 PM
2/28/2020	Niles	Away	7:00 PM
3/3/2020	Portage Central	HOME	7:00 PM
3/9/2020	MHSAA Districts	Away	TBA
3/11/2020	MHSAA Districts	Away	TBA
3/13/2020	MHSAA Districts	Away	TBA
3/16/2020	MHSAA Regionals	Away	TBA
3/18/2020	MHSAA Regionals	Away	TBA
3/24/2020	MHSAA Quarterfinal	Away	TBA
3/27/2020	MHSAA Semi Finals	Away	TBA
3/28/2020	MHSAA Finals	Away	TBA

JV Boy's Basketball

11/30/2019	Scrimmage at Okemos HS	Away	10:00 AM
12/7/2019	Scrimmage vs Otsego HS	HOME	Noon
12/10/2019	South Haven	HOME	5:45 PM
12/12/2019	St. Joseph	HOME	7:00 PM
12/17/2019	Battle Creek Central	HOME	5:45 PM
1/7/2020	Dowagiac	HOME	5:45 PM
1/9/2020	Portage Northern	HOME	7:00 PM
1/14/2020	Loy Norrix	Away	5:45 PM
1/16/2020	Mattawan	HOME	7:00 PM
1/18/2020	John Adams (South Bend)	Away	4:00 PM
1/21/2020	Edwardsburg	Away	6:30 PM
1/23/2020	Niles	Away	7:00 PM
1/28/2020	Battle Creek Lakeview	Away	5:45 PM
1/30/2020	Portage Central	HOME	7:00 PM
2/4/2020	Gull Lake	HOME	5:45 PM
2/6/2020	St. Joseph	Away	7:00 PM
2/13/2020	Portage Northern	Away	7:00 PM
2/18/2020	Mishawaka Marian	Away	6:00 PM
2/20/2020	Mattawan	Away	7:00 PM
2/25/2020	Kalamazoo Central	Away	5:45 PM
2/27/2020	Niles	HOME	7:00 PM
3/3/2020	Portage Central	HOME	5:45 PM

Boy's Freshman Basketball

11/30/2019	Scrimmage at Okemos HS	Away	10:00 AM
12/7/2019	Scrimmage vs Otsego HS	HOME	Noon
12/10/2019	South Haven	HOME	4:15 PM
12/12/2019	St. Joseph	HOME	5:45 PM
12/17/2019	Battle Creek Central	HOME	4:15 PM
1/7/2020	Dowagiac	HOME	4:15 PM
1/9/2020	Portage Northern	HOME	5:45 PM
1/14/2020	Loy Norrix	Away	4:15 PM
1/16/2020	Mattawan	HOME	5:45 PM
1/18/2020	John Adams (South Bend)	Away	4:00 PM
1/21/2020	Edwardsburg	Away	5:00 PM
1/23/2020	Niles	Away	5:45 PM
1/28/2020	Battle Creek Lakeview	Away	4:15 PM
1/30/2020	Portage Central	HOME	5:45 PM
2/4/2020	Gull Lake	HOME	4:15 PM
2/6/2020	St. Joseph	Away	5:45 PM
2/13/2020	Portage Northern	Away	5:45 PM
2/20/2020	Mattawan	Away	5:45 PM
2/25/2020	Kalamazoo Central	Away	4:15 PM
2/27/2020	Niles	HOME	5:45 PM
3/3/2020	Portage Central	HOME	4:15 PM

Varsity Girl's Basketball

12/6/2019	Portage Central	Home	7:00 PM
12/10/2019	South Haven	Away	6:30 PM
12/13/19	St Joseph	Away	5:45 PM
12/17/19	Battle Creek Central	Away	7:00 PM
1/7/2020	Brandywine	Away	7:30 PM
1/10/2020	Portage Northern	Away	5:45 PM
1/14/2020	Loy Norrix	Home	7:00 PM
1/17/2020	Mattawan	Away	5:45 PM
1/21/2020	Edwardsburg	Home	5:45 PM
1/24/2020	Niles	Home	5:45 PM
1/28/2020	Battle Creek Lakeview	Home	7:00 PM
1/31/2020	Portage Central	Away	5:45 PM
2/4/2020	Gull Lake	Away	7:00 PM
2/7/2020	St. Joseph	Home	5:45 PM
2/10/2020	Paw Paw	Home	7:00 PM
2/11/2020	Bridgman	Home	7:00 PM
2/14/2020	Portage Northern	Home	5:45 PM
2/21/2020	Mattawan	Home	5:45 PM
2/25/2020	Kalamazoo Central	Home	7:00 PM
2/28/2020	Niles	Away	5:45 PM
3/2/2020	MHSAA Districts	Home	TBA
3/4/2020	MHSAA Districts	Home	TBA
3/6/2020	MHSAA Districts	Home	TBA
3/10/2020	MHSAA Regionals	Away	TBA
3/12/2020	MHSAA Regionals	Away	TBA
3/17/2020	MHSAA Quarterfinal	Away	TBA
3/20/2020	MHSAA Semi Finals	Away	TBA
3/21/2020	MHSAA Finals	Away	TBA

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JV Girl's Basketball

12/6/2019	Portage Central	Home	5:45 PM
12/10/2019	South Haven	Away	5:00 PM
12/13/19	St Joseph	Away	4:15 PM
12/17/19	Battle Creek Central	Away	5:45 PM
1/7/2020	Brandywine	Away	6:00 PM
1/10/2020	Portage Northern	Away	4:15 PM
1/14/2020	Loy Norrix	Home	5:45 PM
1/17/2020	Mattawan	Away	4:15 PM
1/21/2020	Edwardsburg	Home	4:15 PM
1/24/2020	Niles	Home	4:15 PM
1/28/2020	Battle Creek Lakeview	Home	5:45 PM
1/31/2020	Portage Central	Away	4:15 PM
2/4/2020	Gull Lake	Away	5:45 PM
2/7/2020	St. Joseph	Home	4:15 PM
2/10/2020	Paw Paw	Home	5:45 PM
2/11/2020	Bridgman	Home	5:45 PM
2/14/2020	Portage Northern	Home	4:15 PM
2/21/2020	Mattawan	Home	4:15 PM
2/25/2020	Kalamazoo Central	Home	5:45 PM
2/28/2020	Niles	Away	4:15 PM

Freshman Girl's Basketball

12/6/2019	Portage Central	Home	4:15 PM
12/12/2019	St Joseph	Home	4:15 PM
12/17/2019	Battle Creek Central	Away	4:15 PM
1/9/2020	Portage Northern	Home	4:15 PM
1/14/2020	Loy Norrix	Home	4:15 PM
1/16/2020	Mattawan	Home	4:15 PM
1/21/2020	Edwardsburg (EHS Aux Gym)	Away	5:00 PM
1/23/2020	Niles	Away	4:15 PM
1/28/2020	Battle Creek Lakeview	Home	4:15 PM
1/30/2020	Portage Central	Home	4:15 PM
2/4/2020	Gull Lake	Away	4:15 PM
2/6/2020	St. Joseph	Away	4:15 PM
2/10/2020	Paw Paw	Home	4:15 PM
2/13/2020	Portage Northern	Away	4:15 PM
2/20/2020	Mattawan	Away	4:15 PM
2/25/2020	Kalamazoo Central	Home	4:15 PM
2/27/2020	Niles	Home	4:15 PM

Lakeshore/Bridgman Co-op Boy's Swim

12/12/2019	Kalamazoo Central	Away	6:00 PM
12/19/2019	St. Joseph	Away	6:00 PM
1/9/2020	Loy Norrix	Home	6:00 PM
1/16/2020	Portage Central	Home	6:00 PM
1/23/2020	Mattawan	Away	6:00 PM
1/30/2020	Coldwater	Home	6:00 PM
2/6/2020	Portage Northern	Home	6:00 PM
2/13/2020	Battle Creek Lakeview	Away	6:00 PM
2/18/2020	Battle Creek Central	Home	6:00 PM
2/28/2020	SMAC Conf. Meet (BC Central)	Away	11:00 AM
2/29/2020	SMAC Conf. Meet (BC Central)	Away	Noon
3/5/2020	MHSAA Diving Regional	Away	TBA
3/13/2020	MHSAA Finals	Away	TBA
3/14/2020	MHSAA Finals	Away	TBA

Varsity Wrestling

12/11/2019	Mishawaka HS	Home	7:00 PM
12/14/2019	Allegan Invitational	Away	9:00 AM
12/18/2019	Portage Central	Away	6:00 PM
12/21/2019	Hudsonville Inv	Away	9:00 AM
1/2/2020	LHS Quad	Home	5:00 PM
1/4/2020	Allendale Inv	Away	9:30 AM
1/11/2020	Parma Western Invitational	Away	9:00 AM
1/15/2020	St Joe	Away	6:00 PM
1/18/2020	LHS Super Duals	Home	12:00 PM
1/22/2020	Portage Northern	Home	6:00 PM
1/29/2020	Mattawan	Home	6:00 PM
2/1/2020	Berrien County Meet (SJ)	Away	9:00 AM
2/5/2020	Niles	Home	6:00 PM
2/8/2020	SMAC Tournament	Away	TBA
2/13/2020	MHSAA Team District (St. Joseph Host)	Away	TBA
2/15/2020	MHSAA Individual District	HOME	TBA
2/19/2020	MHSAA Team Regional	Away	TBA
2/22/2020	MHSAA Individual Regional (Vicksburg HS)	Away	TBA
2/28/2020	MHSAA Team Finals	Away	TBA
2/29/20	MHSAA Team Finals	Away	TBA
3/6-3/7/2020	MHSAA Individual Finals	Away	TBA

JV Wrestling

12/11/2019	Mishawaka HS	Home	6:00 PM
12/16/2019	SMAC Jamboree (Mattawan)	Away	5:00 PM
12/18/2019	Portage Central	Away	6:00 PM
1/2/2020	LHS Quad	Home	5:00 PM
1/4/2020	Allendale Inv	Away	9:30 AM
1/15/2020	St Joe	Away	6:00 PM
1/17/2020	LHS JV Inv	Home	4:30 PM
1/22/2020	Portage Northern	Home	6:00 PM
1/29/2020	Mattawan	Home	6:00 PM
1/31/2020	Berrien County Meet (SJ)	Away	5:00 PM
2/5/2020	Niles	Home	6:00 PM

Cheer

12/16/2019	SMAC at Loy Norrix	Away	6:00 PM
1/11/2020	Gull Lake Invitational	Away	11:00 AM
1/13/2020	SMAC at BC Lakeview	Away	6:00 PM
1/18/2020	Mattawan Invitational	Away	9:00 AM
1/25/2020	Hamilton Invitational	Away	10:00 AM
2/8/2020	Portage Central Cheer Fest	Away	10:00 AM
2/10/2020	SMAC at Mattawan	Away	6:00 PM
2/19/2020	Lakeshore Invitational	Home	6:00 PM
2/22/2020	MHSAA District	Away	TBA
2/29/2020	MHSAA Regional	Away	TBA
3/6/2020	MHSAA Finals	Away	TBA
3/7/2020	MHSAA Finals	Away	TBA

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Elementary Daily Schedule

*Students eating breakfast may enter the building at 7:55 A.M.

Doors open 8:10 A.M.
School starts 8:25 A.M.
Shuttle dismissal 3:30 P.M.
Walkers/Car dismissal 3:30 P.M.
Bus dismissal 3:45 P.M.

Late Start Wednesday

Doors open 8:55 A.M.
School starts 9:10 A.M.
Shuttle dismissal 3:30 P.M.
Walkers/Car dismissal 3:30 P.M.
Bus dismissal 3:45 PM

Half Day Schedule

Dismissal cars/shuttles 11:45 P.M.
Dismissal for buses 12:00 P.M.

The Stewart Family Synergy (PBIS) Team

Samantha Berglan

The Stewart Family Synergy Team at the second training session at Indiana University South Bend. (From left to right: Becky Clemons-Rydzinski, Melissa Rescoe, Julie Hauschild, Dayna Galloway, Katy Rubley, Samantha Berglan, Kim Mishler, Jillian Crockett)

The Stewart Family is engaged in a unique partnership with ***Indiana University Bloomington's Center on Education and Lifelong Learning*** to focus on school-wide discipline using the *PBIS Framework*. Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a systems approach for establishing the social culture and individualized supports needed for all students to achieve both social and academic success. PBIS is a profound focus on the behaviors you want to see through prioritizing interventions, developing effective "consequences" and clarifying, teaching and reinforcing desired behaviors.

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Hollywood's Furriest SuperStar

Written by students Aiden & Misa

Hollywood students enjoy reading and spending time with Rudy.

Rudy is a 12 year-old golden retriever mix. She spends most of her time with Mrs. Hazzard-Reed, including going to *Social Emotional Learning* classes. She's the school therapy dog and is very nice to everybody. You should be nice to her in return. She enjoys recess with the children and enjoys when kids pet her and give her attention. Rudy even enjoyed dressing up for Halloween! She always greets kids in the morning, when she is here. Sadly she is here only 2 times a week. All the kids love her and claim petting Rudy makes them feel better. A fourth grader said, *"When I see Rudy I get a happy feeling in my stomach."* We are glad Rudy is at Hollywood.

FAMILY SYNERGY Continued ...

The Stewart Family refers to its PBIS team as The Synergy Team.

The *Synergy Team* consists of 13 members from the school community. The team has representatives from kindergarten through fifth grade, specials teachers, the school counselor and the principal. The *Synergy Team* meets twice a month to develop the PBIS plan, review data and analyze the culture of the Stewart Family. Seven members of the *Synergy Team* travel to *Indiana University South Bend* to participate in six sessions with trainers from *Indiana University Bloomington*. The sessions focus on developing a multi-year plan for planning, implementing and sustaining the PBIS initiative. The sessions also allow The *Synergy Team* to further explore culture, implicit bias, race and privilege, and responding to behavioral errors through restorative practices.

The Stewart Family counselor, Mrs. Dayna Galloway, serves as the coach for the *Synergy Team*. Mrs. Galloway is the heart and soul of the Stewart Family's PBIS initiative, leading the *Synergy Team's* work and keeping the team in close contact with the staff, students and families. She attends five additional training days with the trainers from *Indiana University Bloomington* and works diligently to promote the new learning the Stewart Family is acquiring.

The *Synergy Team* has worked collaboratively with the Stewart staff and students to develop five school-wide expectations. Our school-wide expectations are the social principles that guide the behavior of everyone in the school. The *Synergy Team* and the Stewart staff developed the five expectations of P.R.I.D.E.-- Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Dedication and Empathy. "The Stewart Family has P.R.I.D.E.!"

The Synergy Team then supported the students at Stewart to create definitions for each expectation.

Perseverance: We ignore our "quit button" when something is hard.
Respect: We treat people and things with kindness and care.
Integrity: We do what is right, even when no one is watching.
Dedication: We try our best to show it matters.
Empathy: We understand feelings and how our actions and words have power.

The *Synergy Team* is now tasked with developing a school-wide expectations rubric to set clear, culturally responsive behavior rules for the entire Stewart Family. The *Synergy Team* will also create lesson plans to teach the behavior rules, a reinforcement system to recognize our P.R.I.D.E., and create an adult responsibilities matrix to focus on active supervision. The Stewart Family will continue to grow, develop and reflect upon our systems, data and practices to support student behavior, build cultural knowledge and self-awareness, promote decision-making and to develop social competence and academic achievement.

Members of our Stewart Family demonstrating our school-wide expectation of Respect.

Dayna Galloway, left, and Katy Rubley, right, tell the story of The Stewart Family at the first training session at Indiana University South Bend.

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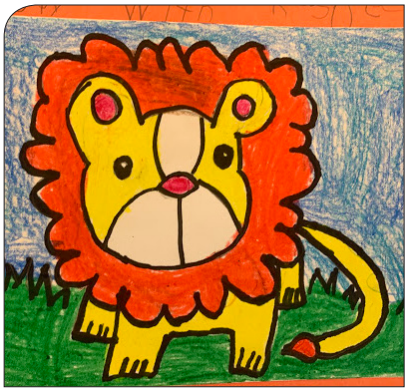
Kendall & Brooks working with Detective Rasheed finding words with the silent e



A student drawing of our phonics mascot - Rasheed

Phonics - 1st Grade

By: Mrs. Harris, Elementary Teacher

Students across the district in K-2 are using the Phonics program developed by the *Teachers College Reading and Writing Project* within *Columbia University*.

Mrs. Harris at the Teachers College in NYC attending the Phonics Workshop with Rasheed

It is my second year using this program in 1st grade at Roosevelt Elementary. The phonics instruction introduces skills and strategies that are aligned with our Readers and Writers Workshops already in place. Each phonics lesson is hands-on and engaging, allowing students to understand when, how, and why they can use phonics to read and write.

"The phonics program enables students to become stronger and more proficient readers and writers."

In the Phonics Program, for example, Unit Two is "The Mystery of the Silent E." In my classroom this week, students will be getting their magnifying glasses ready and collecting evidence, because we are becoming WORD DETECTIVES. Together, we will be looking closely at words and make discoveries to help us understand how language works. We will be going on missions with our classroom mascot, Rasheed, and working with the Super Secret Detective Agency to solve the case. We will recognize that some words have long vowel sounds because of the CVCe pattern (i.e. made). We will be figuring out why a silent E is at the end of many words and then compare them to other words that do not. These are clues that will help us investigate words even further. This "Mystery of the silent E" unit is exciting and a lot of fun.

Each phonics lesson is hands-on and engaging, allowing students to understand when, how, and why they can use phonics to read and write.

Students look forward to the activities within phonics in each unit.

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Holly Woods Legacy

On Arbor Day of 2019, Hollywood Elementary celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Holly Woods. The woods was established by staff who envisioned a place for children to discover the wonder of nature, up close, as part of their school days.

In 1989 classes planted trees and named it the Holly Woods … and so began this legacy!

Children and staff loved the trees, flowers, insects and birds. It was to be a natural area for discovery, learning and wonder.

Over the years much has been learned in the woods:

- Trees, flowers, birds, insects
- How an apple looks and feels when it becomes a home for insects.
- That pine cones are sticky.
- The white pine has five needles in a clump.
- The developmental stages of box elder beetles and that they tickle when they crawl up your arm.
- The sound of the wind in trees.
- How sunlight feels as it reaches down between leaves and branches and lends its light to a magnifying glass with a spider in its scope.
- Countless other lessons as varied as the individuals that have sought moments of discovery there.
- There have been numerous stewards that have loved and cared for this place.
- Staff and students of Hollywood School.
- Eagle Scout – Jason Weage who identified and marked the trees in 1998 along with erecting an entrance sign on the west side.

Thank you to the many who have supported this initiative throughout the years, including:

- **Lakeshore Excellence Foundation** who, in 2009, granted monies for a path, benches and informational signs which transformed the woods into a small nature center on our school grounds, and again in 2019 to replace worn signs.
- **Lakeshore maintenance staff/lawn care service.**
- **Rieth-Riley Construction Company** who donated $500 to purchase *The Lorax* books for an all school book study leading up to the 30 year celebration.

Hundreds … thousands of children have lived moments in this natural classroom, marveling at the tall and tiny organisms that call Holly Woods home. Thanks to its many supporters, the Holly Woods will continue to be a place where children can grow and learn for many years to come.

Students enjoying the Holly Woods.

Middle School Daily Schedule

M-T-TH-F
Breakfast 7:10 A.M.
School starts 7:40 A.M.
Dismissal 2:43 P.M.

Late Start Wednesday
(begins 9/11/19)
Breakfast 7:50 A.M.
School starts 8:20 A.M.
Dismissal 2:43 PM

Half Days Schedule
Dismissal 10:58 A.M.

Lakeshore Middle School students and staff are proud to be a part of the Positivity Project! Throughout the school year, we will be learning about each of the 24 character strengths.

Visit the Lakeshore website for more information.

FIRST Robotics

Team Lance-A-Bot is busy training and getting ready for their upcoming 2020 competition season that kicks off Saturday, January 4, 2020 with the game reveal.

Every *FIRST* Robotics Competition team will find out the challenges and rules for this year's game in a worldwide simulcast. Right now, all they know is that the name of the game is INFINITE RECHARGE and it has a Star Wars theme.

The team will have approximately six-weeks to design and build a robot that can perform the tasks required. They will compete in two district events with the hope of accumulating enough team points to advance to the Michigan State Competition. The team would love for you to come out and cheer them on at our local competition on March 6-7 at St. Joseph High School!
Admission is free and the event is family friendly.

Upcoming Events

March 6-7
St. Joseph District Competition
St. Joseph High School

March 27-28
Battle Creek District Competition
Lakeview High School

Welcome to Lakeshore Middle School where it is our mission to develop educated, self-reliant, goal-oriented young adults, through a variety of learning opportunities. Whether it be Performing Arts, STEM activities, Industrial Arts, or Athletics, there is something for everyone here at Lakeshore Middle School.

Go Lancers!

"Take Care of Yourself, Take Care of Each Other, Take Care of This Place"

Middle School Choir Invitational where 13 of our singers joined with choir students from 8 local middle schools.

State Honors Choir

Our Middle School Choirs are proud to announce that five of our singers were selected by audition for the State Honors Choir!

They are: Isabella Dail, Aisha Etheridge, Bergen Fischer, Calie Madsen, and Gavyn Martin. They are the only middle school singers from our Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties – who were chosen for this honor. The State Honors Choir will have rehearsals at four different locations around the state, culminating in a performance at Michigan Music Conference at the DeVos Performing Arts Center in Grand Rapids, on January 16, 2020.

LMS Holiday Concert

The Lakeshore Middle School Choirs' Holiday Concert will be Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Howard Performing Arts Center on the campus of Andrews University.

Singers will rehearse at the venue during the school day. The concert is free and open to the public. This unique opportunity will showcase the choirs as they sing holiday themed songs of peace.

Middle School Choir Students

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Lakeshore Marching Band

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The Lakeshore Lancer Marching Band earned their 8th State Championship at Ford Field in Detroit.

It was their 5th consecutive State win. The Lakeshore Band placed 1st and won the caption awards for Outstanding Music and General Effect. Lakeshore has been a member of the Michigan Competing Band Association since 1992. Very few bands in M.C.B.A. have sustained such a legacy of success. This achievement is a testament to the incredible hard work, dedication, and camaraderie of the band students at Lakeshore!"

Other area bands that competed at the M.C.B.A. State finals included Watervliet, Buchanan and Edwardsburg. Watervliet placed 3rd and Buchanan placed 10th in Flight 5 and Edwardsburg placed 7th in Flight 4. The Michigan Competing Band Association is comprised of 57 of the finest marching bands from across the State.

The Lakeshore Band is under the direction of Lori VonKoenig, Matthew Pagel and Joel Hosey.

The directors and students would like to thank the band parents, school administration, marching band staff, and our home communities of Baroda and Stevensville for their incredible support!

Lakeshore Writing Center

The LHS Writing Center is a new student support service that helps writers of all abilities improve their overall understanding of writing and their ability to write through process work.

Writing Center consultants take advantage of a student's desire to improve his/her particular writing assignment and offer whatever advice or critiques needed to better the piece of writing. We have twelve consultants who took on this opportunity to help their fellow students. Together we have done a great job with leading this new program. I for one am so glad to be apart of this program. I feel that I have grown not only a better writer but also student. The discipline and time management skills that will carry me through my life are two very important things I have learned throughout this process. This experience has brought me closer to the student body here at Lakeshore and I cannot be more thankful for it. The Lakeshore Writing Center is an amazing program that should be utilized by all students and staff here at Lakeshore. I cannot speak highly enough of my peers and teacher, Ms. Krol, who continue to put in so much hard work to make this Writing Center such a successful program.

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- Angie Godush (Senior)
Assistant Director, Outreach Coordinator

WLAN-The Lancer News Network

This year parents and students can access daily student announcements online: https://vimeo.com/lancernewsnetwork

Parent Newsletter Online

The Parent Newsletter is intended as an additional method of communicating with Lakeshore families. Included in the Parent Newsletter is information generally applicable to parents and students. Treat this newsletter as a live document that you can refer back to for updates. This newsletter should be used as a resource all year long. If you would like additional information, please contact Principal Jeff Yauchstetter at jyauchstetter@lpslancer.net. Go Lancers!
https://www.lpslancers.net/Domain/8

LAKESHORE LANCERS

Enjoy Walking at Lakeshore High School

The Lakeshore High School is available for walking Monday through Thursday from 5-8 P.M. (except when students are not in session). Please use the main front entrance DOOR #1 by the flagpole.

Best Places to Work 2019

Lakeshore Public Schools Named to 20 Best Places to Work in SW Michigan List

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BCD Dance Marathon

The Berrien County Dancers will hold a **Dance Marathon Fundraiser on Saturday, January 25** from 9 A.M – 3 P.M in the high school Dance Room. Classes will be taught by Theresa Graziano, Artistic Director, Alloyd Blackmon, and members of the Advanced Dance class. Cost is $5 each or $15 for the day. No previous dance experience is required – just come and have fun! Check the website www.berriencountydancers.com for a schedule as the date gets closer. All proceeds will go to the Berrien County Dancers to help fund guest residencies and costuming for concerts.

December 12-13
BCD Winter Dance Concert, 7:00 P.M., LHS

January 15-16
BCD Intermed. & Adv. Dance Auditions, LHS. Details at berriencountydancers.com

Saturday, January 26
BCD Dance Marathon, 9 A.M.-3 P.M., LHS Dance Room. Details at berriencountydancers.com

BCD Winter Concert

The Berrien County Dancers will hold their **Winter Dance Concert on Thursday, December 12 and Friday, December 13 at 7:00 P.M.** at LHS. Tickets are on sale now. General admission tickets are $5 in advance or $7 at the door. Age 11 and under are free with parent admission. Call the school at 428-1402, Ext. 2099 to order tickets.

The concert will feature works by Theresa Graziano, BCD Artistic Director, and guest choreographer, Aaron Smith, as well as members of the Advanced Dance class. Each semester, all BCD students participate in master classes taught by guest professionals. Students worked with the Giordano Dance Chicago Artistic Director and company members in October and Aaron Smith from University of Arizona in November. Advanced Dance members will perform one of Aaron's pieces in the Winter Concert.

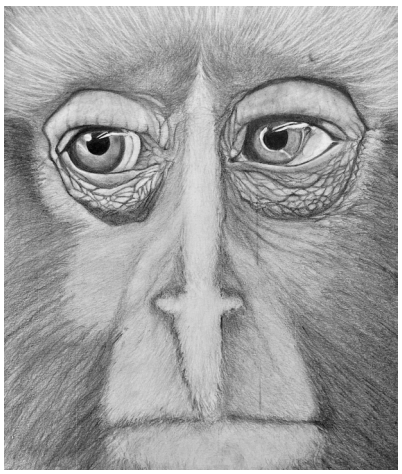
BCD Dance Auditions 2020-21

Participation in Berrien County Dancers is open to any high school student in Berrien County who would like to earn high school credit for taking dance. Advanced Dance auditions will be held on Wednesday, January 15. Intermediate Dance auditions will be held on Thursday, January 16. Both auditions will be in the high school Dance Room from 3-4:45 P.M. Reservations are required to attend. Students who are interested in Beginning Dance may register through their guidance counselor without an audition.

Contact Theresa Graziano, Artistic Director, at 428-1402, Ext. 2099 or tgraziano@lpslancer.net for an audition reservation. Please include the student's name, phone number, and experience level.

LAKESHORE ART SHOWCASE

Maya Stowe, Student Artist



Elana Mitchell, Student Artist

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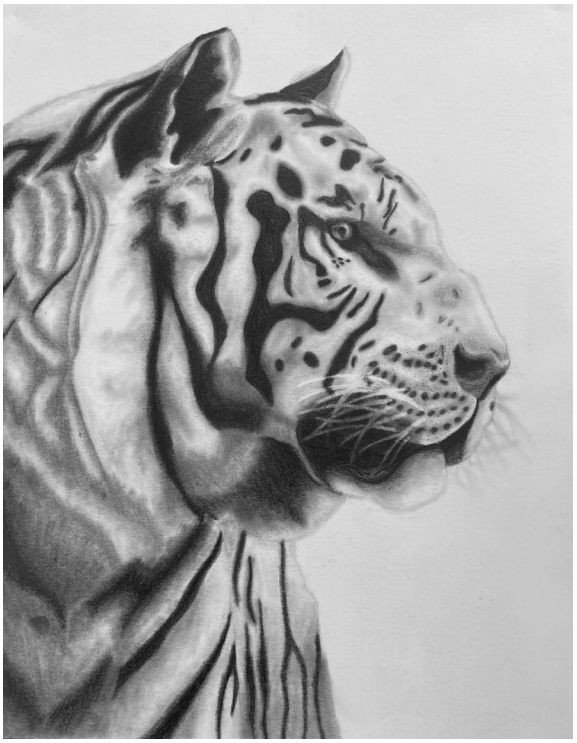

Madelynn deBest, Student Artist

Holly Davis, Lakeshore High School Art Teacher

Olivia Graffenius, Student Artist

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